rar Co-operative Societies, it has been revealed that the Society is collecting the money from its members amounting to Rs. 2,500 for the utilisation of the C-Block, Park for the various functions/ parties which is actually earmarked for the purpose of a school.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The society has been directed by the Land & Development Office to stop the misuse immediately. The local Police & Registrar, Co-operative Societies have also been advised to check further misuse, if any, by the Society.

OECF fund to MRTS

1688. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Japanese agency OECF had agreed to fund the Mass Rapid Transit System contemplated for the Capital to the extent of 56 per cent of its estimated cost;

(b) if so, the terms of the offer;

(c) whether the Japanese agency has threatened to withdraw the offer on account of inordinate delay that the project is suffering; and

(d) the reasons for the delay and the steps being taken to implement the project with due priority?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) Yes, Sir. OECF have agreed to fund approximately 56% of the estimated cost of Delhi MRTS Phase-I.

(b) The loan is to be provided by OECF (Japan) at an interest of 2.3% per annum. The entire loan is to be provided in stages. The loan is repayable over a period of 30 years with moratorium of 10 years.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The implementation of the project has already started and no delay is anticipated in the implementation of the project.

Improvement of municipal services in Agartala

1689. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal has been received from the Government of Tripura for financial assistance for improvement of municipal services in Agartala, particularly for improvement of water supply, drainage and sewerage; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government to this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) Yes, Sir. A proposal has been received from the State Government of Tripura for financial assistance for improvement of water supply, drainage and sewerage in Agartala. Water supply/sanitation being a State subject, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to provide for these facilities in their respective areas. The Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) under which Central assistance is provided on 50 : 50 sharing basis to the State Governments for implementing the urban water supply schemes is meant for towns having population less than 20,000 as per 1991 Census.

(b) The State Government of Tripura, has been requested to forward Detailed Project Report (DPR) for special Central assistance for Agartala pertaining to water supply, drainage and solid waste management components.

Panel to dispose of DDA cases

1690. SHRI VIJAY J DARDA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a panel to dispose of over 20,000 DDA cases;